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CONSUMPTION

FILIPINOS DRIVEN BACK.

An Abortive Attempt by the Filipinos to Recapture the Manila Water Works.

IMPORTANT NEWS IS EXPECTED SOON.

Gen. Otis Said to Have His Plans Perfected for a General Forward Movement as Soon as the Rest of His Reinforcements Arrive—The Total Force of the Philippine Contingent.

New York, March 7.—A dispatch from Manila, dated at 10 a. m., and printed in the Journal, reports that the Filipinos made an attempt to capture the waterworks, six miles from Manila. The attack was repulsed with a loss to the rebels of 17 killed and many wounded. The Second Oregon and the First Nebraska regiment were engaged. Two Americans were wounded.

Preparing for an Offensive Move.

Washington, March 7.—There is some reason to expect important news from Manila within the next fortnight. It has developed that Gen. Otis has practically completed his plans for a grand onslaught on the insurgents, which is expected to deprive them of offensive power at least. It is probable that he will form a large part of his force into columns, as soon as his reinforcements are all at hand, and will push these in parallel lines straight through the jungles, clearing out the insurgents in every direction as the troops move forward. The American troops are getting restless and nervous under the petty but annoying sharpshooting of the Filipinos, and are so anxious to put a stop to this that Gen. Otis has yielded to their desire.

Strength of the Philippine Contingent.

Washington, March 7.—Forty-one thousand officers and men of the combined army and navy forces comprise the approximate total American strength, now at en route and under orders for service at the Philippines. No further reinforcements are now in contemplation. The forces of the two services already stationed in and about the archipelago consists of 20 regiments of infantry, 1 engineer battalion, 7 troops of cavalry and 11 batteries of artillery, an aggregate of about 24,500 men. Nineteen vessels, with an aggregate of 297 officers, 2,990 men and 253 marines, make up the naval contingent. This is exclusive of the transport Solace, with 162 officers and men all told, which is constantly passing back and forth from Manila. There are about 4,890 army reinforcements on the way to Manila, making as rapid progress as possible, and there are, roughly estimated, 7,500 men in the Philippines under orders to proceed to the Philippines.

AMBUSHED BY THE FILIPINOS.

The Americans Have Two Men Wounded, But Hold Their Own Thirty of the Insurgents Killed.

Manila, March 7.—The rebels have been concentrating in the vicinity of the reservoir. Yesterday a patrol of Co. G, Second Oregon volunteers, was taken in ambush. Two men were wounded, but the Oregonians held their ground under a heavy fire until the remainder of the company, assisted by two companies of the First Nebraska regiment, flanked the enemy, killing 20 and wounding several more.

Two battalions of the Twentieth regular infantry have reinforced Gen. Hale's brigade.

All the native huts have been destroyed at Mariguina, and the country there is pretty well cleared, but the rebels were returning in small bodies at sundown.

Apparently they have secured a new supply of smokeless ammunition recently, as there has been a noticeable difference during the last few days.

The village of Pena Francia, near Pao, has been burned by the Philippine insurgents.

SMALLPOX CASES IN MANILA.

Everything Has Been Done that It is Possible to Do to Prevent the Spread of the Disease.

Washington, March 7.—With reference to the number of deaths from varioloid, or smallpox, mentioned in Gen. Otis' weekly mortality report made public yesterday, Surgeon-General Sternberg said that there would be no additional precautions taken in connection with the spread of the disease. Everything possible has been done and every preventive measure taken. The troops at Manila have been vaccinated and each regiment thoroughly searched for persons who have not taken advantage of this guard against smallpox. In one instance a regiment was canvassed four times in order that every one should be vaccinated. When a case appears the patient is at once isolated and proper measures taken to effect a cure and prevent the contagion from spreading.

The Committee of Eleven.

Washington, March 7.—The committee of 11 members appointed by the republican caucus of the house of representatives to prepare a financial measure for the next session of congress held a preliminary meeting yesterday in the room of the house committee on judiciary. The special purpose of yesterday's meeting was to decide upon a time and place when and at which the work shall be begun. All the members were present, as was also some of the republican members of the senate committee on finance. There was a general discussion.

AMERICA WILL BIDE HER TIME

Will Not Seek an "Open Door" Until the Exigencies of Her Oriental Trade Demand It.

Washington, March 7.—The United States government has remained absolutely passive throughout the execution of the Italian project to secure an "open door" on the Chinese coast through the acquisition of San Mun bay and outlying islands. Some days ago United States Minister Conger, at Peking, acquainted the state department with the fact that Italy had preferred a request upon China for lease of the spot selected, but he has made no report since, and it is not known officially whether the Italian forces have been landed at San Mun.

One of the highest authorities, says: "The United States will not take any steps in regard to the Italian demand for Chinese territory."

In other words, our government resisting, from motives of broad policy, alluring intimations from others powers that the time is ripe for a raid by the United States on some part of the Chinese coast line, has determined reverently to keep hands off.

Mr. Conger has reported that Peking has been usually quiet during the past winter.

The Chinese minister called at the state department yesterday, and had a conference with Secretary Hay.

There is a mass of information on hand in both the navy and state departments relative to the encroachment of foreign powers on the Chinese coast, but it is in such shape that a concise statement of the situation is difficult to attain. The fact is, however, that the occupation of available ports along the coast has gone to such lengths that the majority of the desirable harbors, both in value as roadsteads and for communication with the interior, are in the hands of foreign governments. With England in possession of Wei Hai Wei, the Russians at Port Arthur, the French at Annam and Tonquin, the Germans holding Kiau Chan, and with the additional ports of Hong Kong and Singapore in the hands of the English, there is very little left in the way of desirable ports on the Chinese coast.

Shanghai is nominally in control of the Chinese government, but really it is controlled by the various treaty nations, all of whom have advantages in their occupation over the Chinese government itself.

At Shanghai the United States has its only direct interest in Chinese holding, being one of the treaty powers and having a distinctly American concession.

Of the larger ports remaining there are Swatow, Foo Chow and Ningpo, which are really in control of the Chinese government.

There is a large and desirable area in the gulf of Pe-Chi Li, on the northern coast, in which recent Asiatic dispatches intimate the United States may have an interest in the dismemberment of China is ultimately effected. This is very landlocked, however, and its narrow entrance is wholly commanded by Port Arthur on one side and by Wei Hai Wei on the other. The authorized disclaimer given out yesterday, however, of any purpose on the part of the United States to acquire territory in that or any other portion of China, makes this consideration of little moment.

GOOD CAUSE FOR UNEASINESS.

European Economists Dread the Encroachments of American Exports—An European Coalition Suggested.

Washington, March 7.—An example of European economic hostility to the United States is furnished in a report to the state department by Consul Baber, from Kehl, Austria. The report reviews a lecture of Dr. Alexander Peetz, a Viennese authority on political economy. Dr. Peetz, in calling attention to American commercial competition, assumes, for one thing, that "the United States has taken Cuba and intends to have the enormous quantity of sugar it needs supplied by the home product, and that grown in Cuba." Further he calls attention to the fact that "the United States makes the enlargement of its balance of trade the fundamental principle of its commercial policy, and in this its government acts with great boldness."

He says that America already exports to Europe goods valued at \$1,200,000,000, against which they import only about \$600,000,000. At this rate, Dr. Peetz says, they will be a most threatening factor in the commercial life of Europe when, in seven years, as he calculates, they will have established their sugar production on a basis to rob Europe of all its American sugar trade.

The lecture cites numerous other instances of American encroachment in paper, iron, cottonseed, oil and leather, concluding that the countries of Europe in the near future will have to form a coalition to protect themselves against "outside competition."

Consul Baber says that "Similar sentiments are frequently uttered by prominent men and officials of Austria-Hungary, and published there by the press as well as in Germany."

Money to Pay Cuban Troops.

Washington, March 7.—The war department is now making arrangements for shipping to Cuba the \$3,000,000 asked for by Gen. Brooke to pay off the Cuban army. Definite arrangements have not been completed, but the money will be shipped the latter part of this week from New York, and two or three paymasters will be detailed in a day or two to take charge of the money and accompany it, turning it over to Gen. Brooke's possession, and probably attending to details of the payment to the proper authorities on the part of the Cubans.

THE FLOODS IN THE OHIO RIVER

No Serious Damage So Far Reported, But the Waters Rapidly Approaching the Danger Line at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, March 6.—Fifty-three feet and nine inches is the ten o'clock stage of the Ohio river at this point to-night. This is beyond all expectations warranted by information at hand last night. The rainfall in the limited section of the Ohio watershed south and east of the Ohio river was much greater than anyone expected.

Rising Three Inches an Hour.

The rate of the rise at this point tonight is about three inches per hour. This rate unexpectedly has been maintained for more than 24 hours. The indications here now are that there will be 56 feet of water in the Ohio by six o'clock tomorrow morning.

Upper River Stationary.

Reports from above show that the Monongahela and Allegheny are stationary. At Brownsville and Morgantown, near the headwaters of the Monongahela, where the great supply came from to make the flood in that river, the waters are falling with 17 feet at Morgantown and nearly 23 at Brownsville.

At Wheeling the stage is 26 feet, and three feet more is expected.

Further down the river at Parkersburg, W. Va., the river is stationary. At Gallipolis it is 47 feet, and rising slowly. At Portsmouth it is 54 feet and 10 inches, and rising two inches an hour.

The Probable Maximum Stage.

Taking the Portsmouth stage as an indication in connection with the condition of the river at points above up to Parkersburg, the indications are that the maximum stage reached at Cincinnati will be 59, and possibly 60 feet, provided the floods are not increased by further rainfall.

Slight Damage Reported.

Damage by the flood to cities on the Ohio reported so far has been slight. At Huntington, W. Va., where the stage is 52½ feet, two barges of coal were sunk in the Guyandotte, and thousands of saw-logs were washed away. Most of the logs have been recovered before reaching Portsmouth.

At Portsmouth cellars and factories are flooded on Front street, while on Mill, East Front and Jackson streets many people have been driven from their dwellings. Very little interference with business has been experienced.

The stage in the lower Ohio is such that no more coal will get away from the floats in harbor at Louisville down the river until the flood recedes.

Removing Their Goods from Cellars.

At Cincinnati the business men in the lowlands are removing their goods from cellars. No dwellings have been disturbed except two tenement quarters, one known as Bat Row and the other as Sausage Row, situated at opposite extremities of the steamboat landing. Should the river reach 59 or 60 feet some business houses near the river will have to remove their goods to the second story.

No railroads at that stage will be prevented from running regular trains.

FLOODS IN KENTUCKY RIVERS.

A Number of Persons Lose Their Lives While Attempting to Make the Fords—Highest Since '62.

Louisville, Ky., March 7.—The swollen streams in Kentucky are causing great damage, especially to farmers, and it is feared the worst is yet to come, as the streams are still rising. The Kentucky river is rising rapidly, and much of the bottom lands are already inundated. All the tributary streams are badly swollen, and a record-breaker is feared.

Besides the damage to property several casualties have resulted already. A W. Gordon was drowned near Frankfort while trying to ford Stony creek. William Abshire, near Richmond; Jacob Ewing, at Ewing station; and Nea Carter, near Mt. Sterling, lost their lives in a like manner.

At Catlettsburg the government gauge is 54½ feet, and the river rising slowly. Merchants and residents on Front and Centre streets, Catlett's creek, are moving to higher grounds. The water is now 18 inches above the danger line. Much damage is reported up the Big Sandy river.

At Louisville the river is 54 feet, and still rising. It is the highest water since 1862.

THE KANAWHA VALLEY FLOOD.

The Waters Receding at Charleston, W. Va., But Thousands of People are Temporarily Homeless.

Charleston, W. Va., March 7.—The city is still nearly half submerged, but the river is steadily falling at the rate of two inches an hour, having receded about three feet already. It is estimated that 5,000 people have been driven from their homes and will not be able to return for several days. Suffering from cold has been slight, and the sun is shining and the temperature mild. News from the Big Sandy is that it is falling at the headwaters. All trains on the Big Sandy division of the Chesapeake & Ohio are suspended on account of land slides.

Highest Water Since the Flood of 1884.

Columbus, O., March 7.—A special to the State Journal from Gallipolis, O., says: "The lowlands and a part of the city are flooded. Many families have been obliged to move out."

The Ohio river overflowed its banks at Point Pleasant, and nearly all of the business portion of the city is flooded. Schools are closed, and all business suspended.

Middleport and Racine are both getting a muddy bath.

Rivermen say the Ohio is higher now than it has been since the memorable flood of '84.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some Sapient Sayings About Men, Women and Things in General.

Time and court plaster heal all wounds. Woman's chief aim seems to be to get a target called man.

Some men are so fixed that they have no use for a moving van.

Charity never begins at home while housecleaning is going on.

No man is modest enough to believe himself overestimated by others.

Beware of the cyclist who praises a wheel of a different make from his own.

There are men living today who would rather be right than be vice-president.

Providence takes care of some fools by giving them wives to look after them.

When a man inherits dishonesty that is about the only thing he honestly acquires.

But few women would carry pocketbooks if they couldn't put anything in them but money.

The man who can acknowledge a mistake without blaming it on some one else has true moral courage.

Imitation may be the sincerest flattery, but more men acquire wealth by doing as they see others do not do.

After a man has dropped a few thousand dollars in stocks it is useless to tell him there is no money in them.—Chicago Evening News.

Our Naval Station at San Juan.

The new United States naval station to be located at San Juan, Porto Rico, will be of the utmost importance to this country as the key to the situation when the Nicaragua canal is constructed. The key to good health is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It guards the digestive organs from attacks of indigestion, biliousness and constipation, just the same as the new naval station at San Juan will ward off attacks upon this country by foreign foes.

Not What She Expected.

Fangle—I saw your friend, Mrs. Jay-smith, get on the train and leave town with a married man this morning.

Mrs. Fangle (deeply interested)—Well, I've been expecting a scandal in that quarter for some time. Who was it with the shameless thing?

"Her husband."—Harlem Life.

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